

HAD NO CHECK ON NEELY.

**DIRECTOR RATHBONE TESTIFIES IN
CUBAN POSTAL FRAUDS CASE.**

Other Lack of System in His Department
—Rathbone Was Warned of the Danger of Theft, but Did Nothing—The Method of Stealing—Gives Welcomed Back to Cuba.
Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

HAVANA, June 4.—EX-Director of Posts Rathbone was again on the witness stand in the court of the Cathedral District today (yesterday) in the case against Neely. No questions were asked concerning the allegations of Rich and Reeves that he received \$15,000 from Neely, but he was questioned closely concerning the entire lack of system which existed in the Department of Posts.

It appeared from the questions put to him that as far back as May 23, 1898, Rathbone ordered Special Agents Sullivan and Leatherstocker to make an examination of the stamps of Florida. Curiously enough, these inspectors reported on the following day, presumably having counted all the stamps and money and examined all the records in that time. Curiously as this examination must have been, the agents reported that differences existed in Neely's books between the amounts with which some of the postmasters were charged and which they possessed. The cause of the discrepancies was small but was not given. Although the agents, apparently, were confident that the discrepancies did not result from fraud they recommended that some sort of a check be put on the bureau, in which there was absolutely nothing to prevent unlimited theft.

On May 31 Chief Special Agent Maynard, following the suggestion of his subordinates, wrote a report recommending that the postmaster be required to make duplicate accounts of all stamps bought and sold and all money order transactions, one for the Bureau of Finance and the other for the Auditor's Department. This report went to Rathbone, who endorsed it and ordered that its provisions be adopted. He then sent it to Neely, who read it

doubleless with great interest and then placed his initials on it. He passed it to Reeren, who likewise put his initials on it and then passed it to the next man by until May 15, 1899, ten days after the investigation commenced. It was then found covered with dust. Rathbone admitted all this. The papers have not yet been introduced as evidence, but they will be. The Inspectors saw a great opportunity for Neely to steal and warned Rathbone, who apparently never took the trouble to see that his recommendations were carried out, not even determining the amount of the discrepancy existing in May, 1899 and the cause thereof.

With this absolute liberty it is not surprising that postal employees stole right and left. The only system, so far as Director of Posts Bristow can learn was to size up the month's receipts and take what was wanted, usually about half, and permit the Government to have the rest. As Neely kept no books showing the accounts of the individual postmasters, it was impossible to tell how much was stolen, or to the end, he only gave the amounts on hand. The method of stealing was plain larceny.

Mr. Bristow, who is now figuring on the deficit, is taking no account of the losses incurred by the selling instead of burning the surcharges.

time. He says it is impossible to ever determine how much was made in this way, perhaps \$25,000 or \$30,000. His estimate of the approximate loss, which will be made public in a day or two, is in the neighborhood of \$100,000.

The sales of the striped paper in May amounted to \$31,912.95, which is double the amount averaged under Neely.

Gen. Maximino Gomez has returned to Havana from Santo Domingo. There was a parade in his honor on his arrival and he was escorted to his home. He made a speech in which he said that he had returned in fulfillment of his promise never to desert Cuba. He will hold reception to-morrow.

Sixteen hundred and fifty Cuban teachers have applied for permission to make the trip to the United States for educational purposes. This is 300 more than can be accommodated. The arrangements are all complete for the departure of the various parties. The salaries of the teachers will be paid at all the ports of departure.

ROCHESTER FORGED SCHOOL BILL

Assembly Index Clerk Denial to Be Held for the Grand Jury.

ALBANY, June 4.—County Judge Clifford D. Gregory, when court convened at 10 o'clock this morning, announced that after a careful consideration of the evidence regarding the Rochester forged School bill, he had decided to hold Judge

plea for the action of the Greasby and the court. The Greasbys had been asked a warrant for his arrest would be served. Neither Mr. Denniston nor his attorney was in court when Judge Gregory announced his decision. The Greasbys had been told that to-day the District Attorney consented that the warrant for his arrest should not be served until to-morrow morning, when he will be admitted to bail, probably in the sum of \$3,000.

Arrivals at Newport.

NEWPORT, R. I., June 4.—Mrs. Herman Oelrichs and her little son arrived from New York to-night for the season. They will be the guests of Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr. J. P. Dunham can arrive here to-day from New York on the steamer yacht Kanawha. William E. Hoell and his wife will arrive here to-morrow on the schooner yacht Emerald. Mr. and Mrs. Charles

Robinson arrived at their Newport villa to-day.

Winners of the Sandham Prizes in Oratory.

The first Sandham contest in oratory took place yesterday in the auditorium of New York University at University Heights. Six men were selected for the final test. Dean Henry M. Baird presided, and after the contest prizes of \$75 and \$25 respectively were awarded to Walter L. Boyer and Aaron Eisenman, both of this city.

A New Munson Line to Cuba.

MOBILE, Ala., June 4.—The Munson Line steamships of New York has secured from the Mobile and Ohio Railroad control of the Mobile-Cuban steamship line running steam vessels between Mobile and Cuban ports. The transfer will be made on July 2. The contract was signed to-day.

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ASPALTING BIDS CALLED FOR.
Broadway From Fourteenth Street to Forty-second Heads the List of Streets.

Commissioner Keating advertised yesterday for bids to be opened on June 13 for paving the following streets with asphalt:

Broadway, from Fourteenth street to Forty-second, including a space around Union Square East 126th street, from Third avenue to Eighth; 105th street, from Broadway to Riverside Drive; Fifty-fifth street, from Broadway to Third avenue; Fifty-sixth to Fifty-ninth; Twelfth street, from Third avenue to Fifth; Twelfth street, from Third avenue to Third; Broadway to MacDougal street; Twenty Eighth, from Eighth avenue to Ninth; Seventeenth, from Columbus avenue to Third avenue; Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth, from Fourth avenue to Madison; Thirteenth, from Third avenue to Second; Seventy-ninth, from Third avenue to Second.

Brooklyn streets to be repaved in part are:

McDonough, Dean, President, Macon, Pacific Sursum. Hartman and Pearl streets; St. Mark's, Willoughby and Grece avenues.

LITIGATING BAPTIST CHURCHES.
Accounting for \$50,000 in N. P. Bonds From John D. Rockefeller Is in Question.

The trial of the suit of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, by the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, for the accounting of \$50,000 in securities which John D. Rockefeller had turned over to the defendant on certain conditions was begun yesterday before Justice Russell of the Supreme Court. The securities were bonds of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, which passed dividends for a time, but which have since been declining in value.

WOMAN'S CHARGE FAILS IN COURT.
Capt. Burslem of the Democratic Club, Whom She Accused of Swindling, Released.

Capt. Godolphin F. Burslem, who was arrested at the Morton House on Saturday on the charge of having swindled Mrs. Carrie Kramer, of 328 West Fourteenth street, out of \$1,000 by selling her clock to the Whitney Safety Firearm Company, who distributed the clock through the police court yesterday, but not until some further details of the transaction had been brought out. Burslem testified that he met Mrs. Kramer through a matrimonial advertisement and undertook to provide her with a suitable husband. All he did was to introduce her to William H. Whitney of the firearm concern. Burslem, who is a member of the Democratic Club, was formerly in the British army and says he was once in the South African war on the staff of Sir Buller in South Africa.

BROADWAY BLUECOAT RUN OVER.
But He Saved Little School Girls He Was Talking Across the Street.

Policeman Michael W. Butler was painfully injured yesterday morning by being run down by a horse and wagon on Fifty-fourth street and Broadway, where he is stationed to take care of the hundreds of school children who cross Broadway at that point on their way to the public school between Sixth and Seventh avenues. Butler was piloting several little girls across the street when a horse and wagon ran up behind him. He was pushing two of the little girls who were the last of the group out of the way when he was struck.

THOMAS STILL UNDER INDICTMENT.

March Indictment Against Corey of the Hay-market Dismissed.

Police Captain Thomas is still under indictment. He said on Sunday that the indictments against him had been dismissed by Justice Furman. Justice Furman said yesterday that he had not posed of the matter yet.

Judge Cowing dismissed yesterday the indictment found by the March Grand Jury against Corey, Edward Cowing and George Cowing on the ground that the indictment was founded upon insufficient evidence. Corey was charged with the murder of Captain William H. Smith, evidence against him was supplied by the Rev. Charles J. Adams.

Two Boys Drowned.

FORGOTTEN. June 4.—Fred and Charles Johnson, aged respectively, two and one years, were drowned yesterday in Storm Lake at Stormville. With several other boys they were playing in a boat, which was carried out on the lake by the action of the waves. The boys became frightened and, supposing the wave shallow, jumped overboard. One of the boys, who was only the oldest brother could swim. He tried to save his brothers, but failed. He succeeded in saving himself.

Was Making Her First Trip Under Tongue.
Fair, Costa Rica.

Henry & Bruhn, agents in this city for the Foreigner steamer, Levenum, have received a despatch from Porto to the effect that the Levenum has run ashore at Leizaga, near Oporto. It is believed that the cargo, which consists of general merchandise, can be salvaged. The cargo is estimated to be worth \$250,000. The cargo was loaded at Leizaga, and left this port on May 17. She carried 150 passengers, who disembarked at the Azores. Capt. Silva, of the Levenum, is a Portuguese, and is the officer and was making his first trip as captain.

New York's Crank Pin Found to Have Broken.

The American liner New York, which arrived last week from Southampton and Cherbourg, under her starboard engines, having lost her port propeller when three days out, will not be able to resume her trips for several weeks. Her engineers found that a crank pin of the starboard engines was fractured. That is the reason the line gave up the notion of sending the ship to Cherbourg for repairs. The repairs, since only, as was announced on the day she got here. She will go to Newport News on Monday, taking on board 250 passengers, and her propeller and other machinery due here from Southampton on Saturday.

Summer Inspection of Department of Building.

Coast south of Virginia. There was a second high pressure area over the Rocky Mountain States, where also it was cool; the normal temperature was 42 degrees at Landers. There was a moderate depression over the West Gulf Coast, with a cold front to the extreme northwest, each surrounded by generally fair weather. It was warmer in the Central States. Fair weather was general, save for local showers and thunder storms, in Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama and Florida.

In the city the day was partly cloudy; wind northeasterly and fresh; average humidity 67 per cent; barometer, corrected to read to sea level at 4 A. M., 30.14; 3 P. M., 30.15.

The temperature as recorded by the official thermometer, and also by The Star's thermometer at the street level, is shown in the annexed table:

Official—Sun's		Official—Sun's			
1900-1909		1910-1919			
9 A. M.	82°	75°	6 P. M.	72°	68°
12 M.	85°	78°	9 P. M.	69°	70°
3 P. M.	88°	80°	12 M.	70°	69°

WASHINGTON FORECAST FOR TO-DAY AND

TO-MORROW.

For New England, fair and warmer to-day and Wednesday; fresh northeast winds becoming variable to-day and shifting to south Wednesday.

For eastern New York fair to-day with warmer in south portion; fresh northeast winds becoming variable; Wednesday, fair and warmer.

For the District of Columbia, eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, partly cloudy to-day with moderate temperature; showers and warmer Wednesday; fresh northeast winds to-day.

For western Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana, fair to-day with warmer in north portion; Wednesday fair in north, showers in south portion; fresh east to northeast winds.

For western New York, fair to-day; fair and warmer Wednesday; fresh northeast winds becoming variable and shifting to south.

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